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| Attorney Docket No. | 55752US019 |
| First Inventor | William Blake Kolb |
| Title | DRY CONVERTING... |
| Express Mail Label No. | ER 523730284 US |

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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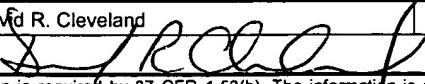
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Prior application information: Examiner Kenneth Rinehart Art Unit: 3749
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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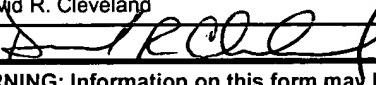
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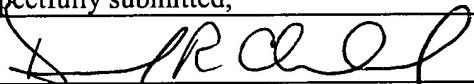
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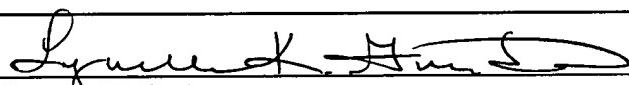
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